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Anyone for lunch?

THE Church Hall was packed to capacity for lunch on Sunday 25th April—the nearest Sunday to St George's Day and so observed as our 'Patronal Festival.'

The picture above shows the kitchen team with Vicar Stephen Bowring just before they served up a delicious roast beef lunch for over 70 who had been part of the congregation for the service in Church that morning.

Action plans for Fen Road traffic

RESIDENTS in Fen Road have continued to express concern about the increase in speeding in cars since the speed humps were replaced by speed cushions.

The problem has been that the distance between the cushions has allowed cars to drive between them at speed! At a recent City Council North Area Committee Meeting, one of the new local policing priorities agreed, was to tackle speeding and anti-social behaviour along Fen Road.

Councillor Clare Blair (East Chesterton) told 'Challenge' last month: "We have been trying to get the Highways authority to rectify the speed cushions which they admit were put in wrongly.

"We share the concern of residents about safety and speeding in Fen Road," she added, "and will be setting up a meeting in April for this to be discussed with all parties including Highways"

A planning application to build a pair of two storey semi-detached houses in Pakenham Close, off Union Lane was withdrawn at the last North Area Committee meeting. This was expected to come up again at the committee meeting held on 29 April.

Kendal Way was added to the Environmental Improvement programme for planting to enhance verges.

East Chesterton Councillors will be holding a surgery at Brown's Field Community Centre on Saturday, 1 May and 5 June, 11 am – 12 noon.

The City Police recently held a "Smartwater Day" along Water Street and Fen Road, together with officers of the City Council and Fire Service.

Many homes were visited and advice offered on security and smoke alarms.

PLANT SALE

St GEORGE'S popular annual Plant Sale will be held outside the church on Saturday, 22 May at 10am.

Gifts of plants to sell will be most welcome, so if you have any plants you are splitting up or if you have grown more than you need, please bring them to the sale or contact Anne Baker on 423367 who will be happy to collect them.

There will also be a cake stall in the church porch together with refreshments.

Sunday Services this month:

Sunday 2nd May—*Easter 5*
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm United service

Sunday 9th May—*Easter 6*
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th May— *Sunday after Ascension*
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 23rd May— *Pentecost Sunday*
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **Family Service & Baptism**
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 30th May— *Trinity Sunday*
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Morning prayer daily at 8.00 am (Saturdays 9 am)
Midweek Communion: Weds at 10.00 am

Vicar: Reverend Stephen Bowring
St George's Vicarage Chesterfield Road CB4 1LN

It's not too late...

...to come along and join the Chesterton Festival Community Choir. We meet on a Thursday evening in the St. George's Church Hall to learn and sing a programme of songs from around the world and throughout the ages.

The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment, and no previous experience is necessary. You don't have to be able to read music, you just have to be willing to have a go!

You've seen programmes like "The Choir" on TV - well, now's your chance! Ring the Vicar on 423374 to find out more.

R.C. Priest on the move

FR DAVID Paul, who has been parish priest at St Laurence's Roman Catholic Church, Milton Road for the past 13 years, is to leave the parish in July to take up a similar post at St Mary's R.C. Church in Ipswich, where he was assistant priest before coming to Cambridge.

Fr Paul, who hails from Sedgefield, Co Durham where he spent his early years, was a member of the Anglican Church before being ordained into the Roman Catholic Church.

He will be succeed at St Laurence's Church by Fr Pat Cleary, who will be moving to Cambridge from St Neots.

St Laurence's parish covers the large area of Cambridge city north of the river Cam, and also includes the villages of Histon, Impington, Girton, Cottenham, Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach.

Old school demolition in progress

MANY staff members and pupils, who worked at the former St Andrew's Church of England Junior School, will have been saddened by the recent demolition of their classrooms where they had happily taught and learnt for over a period of nearly 30 years.

The classrooms have been reduced to rubble to make way for a number of new school buildings, part of an extensive £8 million development, which will enable the infant school in Green End Road to join the junior school on one site in Nuffield Road in 2011 – and to be called the Shirley Community Primary School.

St Andrew's Junior School was opened in Nuffield Road on Wednesday, 2 September, 1981 after it had been transferred from its old school buildings in High Street, Chesterton (opposite Tesco Express) which had been used since 1844.

On 11 June, 1982, St Andrew's school welcomed the Duchess of Gloucester to open the new premises.

The school was designed under an 'open' plan scheme, very popular at the time, where classrooms were joined to each other without the use of doors, etc, and when it opened there were 12 teachers and 12 ancillary workers and a Community Development Officer.

The school cost £500,000 to build and accommodated 300 children – and the first headteacher was Derek Nightingale.

Local elections on the same day as general election in our parish area

THIS year's City Council elections will have an added bite to the occasion, as they coincide with the General Election which will be held on the same day – Thursday, 6 May.

Locally, the Liberal Democratic party are likely to continue to maintain their success of past years and keep control of the East Chesterton and King's Hedges wards.

Last year, when the County Council elections were held in conjunction with the European elections, Slep Wiljsenbeek, won the seat for the Lib Dems in East Chesterton with a majority of 248 votes over his Conservative opponent James Strachan, while Andrew Pellew, the Lib Dem candidate in King's Hedges gained victory over Elizabeth Hughes, the Labour candidate, with a majority of 251 votes.

Two seats are up for grabs in the East Chesterton ward where there is a bi-election; with their four-year term of office ending this year, Councillors Jennifer Liddle (East Chesterton) and Neale Upstone (King's Hedges) will not be seeking re-election. The following candidates will be standing on 6 May:

EAST CHESTERTON (Two seats):
Gerri Bird (Lab)
Dan Cooper (Lab)
Matt Ellis (Green)
Kevin Francis (Con)
Anna Gordon (Camb Soc.)
Sue Kerr (Lib Dem)
Una McCormack (Con)
Peter Pope (Green)
Roman Znajek (Lib Dem)

KING'S HEDGES:
Matthew Adams (Con)
Martin Booth (Camb Soc.)
Simon Brierley (Lib Dem)
Alexandra Collis (Green)
Elizabeth Hughes (Lab)

Residents of East Chesterton who normally vote at St Andrew's Junior School, Nuffield Road, should note that the Polling Station situated at this school has moved to Brown's Field Community Centre, 31a Green End Road.

Polling stations in Logan's Way and at Chesterton Methodist Church remain the same as previous years.

Governor sought

THE Grove Primary School has a vacancy on their governing body for a community governor. Anyone interested in applying for the post or requiring further information should contact Linda Millar at the school on 577017.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm
Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954

SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm
Contact Cathy Shortland 293510

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon
(1st Tuesday of the month)

OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm
(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
Anne Baker: 423367

LUNCH CLUB
(3rd Tuesday of the month)
Arthur Clapp: 500220

RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm
Julie Beaumont 321736

HATHA YOGA: 7.45-9.15 pm.
Sue Pocock: 366588

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am
Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-1pm

Saturdays:

CHESTERTON BALLET SCHOOL:
9.30 am-3.30 pm
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Carnival route

THIS year's Arbury Carnival, to take place on Saturday, 12 June from 11am-5pm, will stage its popular and colourful procession along a different route this year.

Departing from the 'Daily Bread' premises in Kirkwood Close at 12 noon, the procession will make its way down a short part of King's Hedges Road and along Northfield Avenue, before finishing in the Town Park area of Campkin Road, near the Arbury Community Centre.

The carnival, the 33rd held since 1977 when it was held to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, is a great family day out with a procession, arena and children's entertainment, stalls and fairground rides.

The theme for this year's event is 'The World of Sport' which has been influenced by the World Football Cup competition in south Africa. England play their first match in the competition, an evening game, against the United States on the same day as the carnival, starting at 7.30 pm.

The Carnival organisers hope that participants will consider the wider world of sport and come up with some original ideas for costumes in the procession, and that stall holders will enhance the theme and decorate the stalls accordingly.

Festival Photo competition

AMONG the many activities and events to be held during the Chesterton Festival, 25-28 June, will be a Photographic Competition entitled 'A view of Chesterton'. The photograph entered must be a view of Chesterton and taken in the last two years, and be no longer than 22.5cm x 18cm. The closing date is Thursday, 17 June, and the photograph and competition form should be sent to St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton.

Forms to enter the competition can be obtained from Brown's Field Community Centre, St Andrew's Hall or from www.chestertoncommunityassociation.org.uk.

Graffiti action

EAST Chesterton Councillors have been alerted by local residents to problems of littering and graffiti in the footpath connecting Scotland Close and Chesterton High Street.

Officers have been informed and the graffiti will be removed as soon as possible and the footpath litter picked up.

Melissa and Andrzej Tabecki of Lovell Road with their pretty five-month old daughter, Ella, after she was baptised by the Vicar of St George's, Stephen Bowring (left) on Easter Day.

VSO Group walk

THE sponsored walk from the Green Dragon bridge held on 7 March by the Cambridge branch of the Voluntary Service Overseas to raise money to improve women's health in Africa, raised around £1,000.

Laura Osborne, a member of the Cambridge VSO Group, has thanked 'Challenge' for bringing notice of the walk to the local community.

"I want to thank 'Challenge' for the news items about the sponsored walk", she said, "which raised £1,000 for VSO's important work.

"We had around 30 people walking on a beautiful sunny day and a fun time was had by all."

Baptism Bonus!

THE ancient tradition of holding baptisms on Easter Day was certainly upheld at St. George's this year, with no less than FIVE candidates being baptized during the Easter morning service.

Baby Ella (seen above) was joined by a family of four brothers in beginning their journey of faith and announcing their entry into the church.

The period of 'Lent,' the 40 days before Easter, probably has its origins in the preparation of candidates for baptism (or 'Christening' as it's popularly known)

During the service the congregation were invited to re-affirm their own baptism promises

Cheers, everybody!

Don Flory, News Editor of 'Chesterton Challenge' enjoying a five course lunch on the famous Orient Express last month.
The glamorous trip was one of three prizes he received after being presented with the prestigious 'Cambridge Evening News' Lifetime Achievement Award last October, sponsored by the University of Cambridge.
Don was given the award in recognition of his voluntary service to the community in over 40 years of producing this paper.
Well done, Don, from us all!

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St George's Events

EVENTS at St George's during this month include a Charity Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1 May in church between 10am-12 noon in aid of Fair Trade, followed by a meeting of the Kettle Club in the church hall on Tuesday, 4 May at 10.30am.

The Over 60's club meet on Tuesday, 11 May when Mike Day will speak about 'Unusual Vegetables', followed by a Club Birthday Party on Tuesday, 25 May. Both meetings begin at 1.45pm in the church hall. The Lunch Club meet on Tuesday, 18 May at 12.30pm – members should contact Arthur Clapp on 500220 if they are unable to attend.

Clothing swap

THERE will be another 'Clothing Swap' at the Chesterton Children's Centre, Franks Lane on Thursday, 6 May between 1—2.30pm, exclusively baby and toddler's clothes.

Those providing clothes are asked that items are clean and in good condition. For more details call 426710.

Grovebury Ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies Club meet at the Arbury Community Centre this month, 8pm, as follows: 4- A slide show with Peter Jackson from Scotsdale Garden Centre; 11- The Coton Morris Men; 18- Tony and Sue's Tours; 25- An Evening Meal at Haverhill.

East Chesterton WI

THE East Chesterton WI will meet at St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road on Tuesday, 25 May at 7.30pm for a 'Papercraft' Demonstration by Barbara Redman of Tee Bee Craft.

Sunshine Group

THE Sunshine Group for the over 55's will be meeting at the Brown's Field Community Centre for a bingo session on Monday 10 and 24 May at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Local History Group

THE Chesterton Local History Group will meet at St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road on Tuesday, 18 May at 2.30pm, when Colin Moule will speak about his working career as a journalist.

Colin, who lives on the Fen Estate, spent all his working life with the 'Cambridge Evening News', first at the newspaper's headquarters in St Andrew's Street in the city centre, then in Newmarket Road and finally at Milton, where he became, before retiring, editor of the 7 titles of the 'Cambridge Weekly News'.

Hard of hearing club

THE Cambridge Hard of Hearing Club was delighted recently to receive a Budgen Bundle Award from Budgen's supermarket in Arbury Court, after which the award was shared among members at their monthly meeting at the Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month when members welcome speakers, go on outings and have a Christmas Luncheon for people with hearing difficulties – new members are always welcome. Contact Brian on 355004 for more.

Family Support Project

THE King's Hedges Family support project have received a large lottery grant which will enable the group to continue its excellent work with needy families in the north of the city. The group's future was put at risk when the County Council withdrew its funding, but now, together with a City Council grant, it will continue its valuable work supporting and helping families who need help and advice.

The support group meets at the Brown's Field Community Centre on Thursday mornings at 10am.

Quiz night

IF YOU enjoy Quiz Nights why not attend the event which is being held by the Cambridge 26th Scout Group at their HQ in Logan's Way on Saturday, 15th May at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 (including a buffet supper) by contacting 424992 or 513258. Individuals or a team welcome.

PLANS for children and parents on the King's Hedges estate are already at an advanced stage for the long summer holidays in August, with two coach trips to Gt Yarmouth (3 August) and Hunstanton (24 August) arranged by the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership.

Also planned are family drop ins for Arts and Craft Workshops on 5 and 9 August, the latter with beauty treatment for mums and carers! There will also be another popular Teddy Bear's picnic on 12 August.Full details in the June issue of 'Challenge'.

Table-toppers!

CONGRATULATIONS to St George's Table Tennis Club first team who have retained their Cambridge and District Table Tennis League Division One title after defeating St Ives 6-4 last month, in spite of fielding a weakened team. During the match, St George's players Steve Trevanion with three wins and Kevin Gray notching two wins, were outstanding.

St George's Table Tennis Club have been very prominent and successful in local table tennis circles for many years, and meet regularly in the club hut which is situated between the church and church hall in Chesterfield Road.

Jumble sale

OFFERS of clothing of all kinds are still urgently required for the next St George's Jumble Sale which will be held on Saturday, 29 May at 1.30pm.

Jumble can be left in the church porch from Monday, 24 May, but please remember no electrical goods or furniture can be accepted.

The last sale, held on 10 April, raised £320 for church funds.

The organisers wish to thank residents who answered their plea for more clothing to be donated to the sale held last month.

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